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afterwards at H.B.M. Consulate-General, by J.  
C. Hopkins, Consulate-General, O'NEILL,  
L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., to FLORENCE, youngest  
daughter of the late MAGNUS LINKLATER, of  
Swatow.

## DEATHS.

On the 13th January, 1904, at 84, Raffles  
Road, Shanghai, FRANCIS ROBERT NOAKES,  
youngest son of the late FREDERICK CLIFTON  
(S.S.W. Co.), aged 14 months.

On the 14th January, 1904, at the General  
Hospital, Shanghai, Captain R. P. ANDERSON,  
late manager of Arnhold, Karberg & Co.'s Oil  
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## The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.  
HONGKONG, 20th JANUARY, 1904

In its issue of the 15th instant our  
Shanghai contemporary, the *North-China  
Daily News*, says:—"A private note received  
yesterday from a well-informed source in  
Japan says that the chartering of trans-  
ports is going on openly. Troops will  
not be despatched to Korea until after a  
naval engagement. The Kokura and  
Sendai Divisions will be the first to take  
the field. Foreign newspaper correspon-  
dents are receiving orders by wire to cable  
freely irrespective of cost." It is to be  
presumed, however, that the correspondents  
find little to cable about, or else that the  
censorship is very strict indeed; for no news  
of a trustworthy nature reaches us even via  
Europe. With regard to the despatch of  
troops to Korea, in spite of the authority  
quoted by the *Daily News*, we learn from a  
traveller only just arrived in the Colony  
from the Korean coast that Japan un-  
doubtedly has been landing small bodies  
of men in Korea, quietly but steadily.  
He even went so far as to maintain  
that Japan has quite 25,000 men in  
Korea, prepared for the outbreak of war.  
Rumours to this effect were of course pre-  
valent before, but the present story is much  
more circumstantial. As to the good faith  
of our informant we have no hesitation, and  
we therefore give his statement as worthy of  
consideration. We must, however, confess  
to being puzzled to explain how Japan's  
action can have failed to be revealed through  
Chinese reports. A thorough censorship  
can suppress telegrams from Japan, but not  
via China.

A report laid on the Legislative Council  
table yesterday which furnishes very melan-  
choly reading-matter is that of the com-  
mittee appointed to enquire into the causes  
of Chinese infantile mortality in the Colony.  
That committee was composed of Doctors  
J. M. ATKINSON, Ho Kai, G. P. JORDAN,  
W. W. PEARSE, G. M. HARSTON, and W.  
HUNTER. Many meetings were held and the  
French and Italian Convents were inspected,  
as being the places where most of the  
infantile deaths under one month occurred.  
As was the case in 1886, when on the raising  
of the question in the Council by Mr. A. P.  
MacEwen, Mr. HUGH MACCULLUM exam-  
ined the causes of infantile mortality  
here, the committee agrees that it is not to  
intrinsic defects in the two Convents that  
the large death-rate is due, but to the  
number of moribund children dumped at  
the Convent doors. The figures on which  
the committee had to work included the  
Acting M.O.H.'s return from July, 1902,  
to June, 1903, which showed a total of 1,073  
infantile deaths under one year in the Colony,  
495 or over 46 per cent. being due to  
*tetanus*, *trismus*, and convulsions; 370 of  
those latter were at the French Convent,  
which draws from a lower class of Chinese  
population than the Italian Convent. Altogether  
the French Convent admitted 1,392 infants,  
of whom 1,271 died, 277 from *tetanus* and  
*trismus*; the Italian Convent admitted 341  
infants, of whom 168 died, 25 from *tetanus*  
and *trismus*. It was found that the number  
of admissions and deaths began to rise in  
April, and reached its maximum in August,  
then declining to its minimum between Jan-  
uary and March. The causes of the mortality  
are stated by the report of the Committee to  
be:—(1) *Trismus*, the commonest cause of  
deaths under two weeks of age in the Con-  
vents. The Chinese call this *so han*, or lock-  
jaw, and consider it a hopeless disease. Dr.  
HUNTER, however, could not isolate the  
*tetanus* bacillus in his post-mortem examina-  
tions. (2) *Marasmus*, which Dr. HUNTER  
found to be responsible for over 33 per cent.  
in some 600 post-mortems on children under  
two years old. Mal-nutrition and want of  
cleanliness, as well as hereditary condi-  
tions, are to blame. (3) Chest-affections,  
(4) Diarrhoea, (5) Convulsions, at  
teething time and from worms. The  
Chinese use the term *kap king* to describe  
his class of convulsive disease. The report  
points out that it is an important fact that  
a number, possibly a third to half of the  
children dying within one month, have not  
had their births registered. Chinese children  
not being entered in the "family tree"  
until they are one month old. The high  
death-rate is more apparent than real, says  
the Committee. The M.O.H. in his 1902  
report gives the infantile death-rate at 796  
per 1,000, after allowing for all deaths under  
one month as unregistered; but owing to  
the very large number of births unregistered,  
his figures must be considered very much  
over the mark. And further, if our figures  
are compared with the infantile death-rate  
in Calcutta—748.6 per 1,000—they are  
relatively not so bad as apparent at first sight.  
As to preventive measures, the Committee  
says that the first and greatest involves the  
better education of the Chinese, especially  
the lower classes, in sanitary matters. The  
maternity hospital is a step in the right  
direction, but a free maternity charity,  
whereby poor people could be attended in  
their own houses, is wanted. A bonus of  
\$2 to mother, midwife, or other person  
present registering a birth within one  
month is recommended. The Convents  
should be required to register every admis-  
sion at the Registrar-General's Office. And  
the foster mothers with whom children from  
the Convents are housed should also be  
registered, either at the Convent or at the  
R.G.O., as well as medically examined  
before being accepted as foster mothers.  
But the great remedial measure is, as the  
Committee begin their recommendations by  
saying, in the better education of the Chinese,  
to convince them of the necessity of proper  
sanitary procedure, both personal and in  
their households.

The English mail of the 19th December was  
delivered in London on the 16th inst.

Colonel Charles Denby, late U.S. Minister to  
China, died in Indiana last week.

We are requested to state that Mrs. May will  
be at home to-morrow only till 4.45 on account  
of the Church Missionary Association Meeting  
at 5 o'clock.

It is confirmed that one officer, three petty  
officers and twenty marines were landed at  
Chemulpo from the *Crescy* on the 8th inst.,  
and proceeded to Seoul by the second train.

The only cases of communicable disease  
notified as occurring in the Colony last week  
were—2 of enteric, one European and one  
Chinese, both imported; and 2 of small-pox, both  
European, one imported.

The summer schedule of the Russian rail-  
way shows a *train de luxe* on the Siberian  
railway, which will make the distance from  
Alexandrov to Dalny in thirteen days.

The *N.C. Daily News* says that it can con-  
tradict on good authority the *China Mail*  
correspondent's story that operations on the  
Canton-Hankow railway have been suspended  
under orders from New York.

The Tokyo correspondent of the *N.C. Daily  
News* says that the Emperor of Korea, in view  
of the present stringency, has determined to  
revisit his administration. This would no  
doubt be instructive, were it more intelligible.

At the beginning of last week the *Russia*,  
*Rurik*, *Gromobol* and *Rogatyr* were at Vladivostok;  
the *Sirbutch* at Newchwang; the *Mandjour*  
and *Dijidit* at Shanghai; the *Bayarin* at  
Chemulpo; and the rest of the Russian squadron  
in the East at Port Arthur.

According to the *Japan Times*, the American  
Asiatic Association has sent a telegram to the  
following effect to the Yokohama Association:  
Japan is fighting a battle for civilization. The  
Americans completely sympathize with Japan.  
Japan has nothing to fear.

The Governor of Changsha (Hunan) lately  
ordered from Japan 2,000 Murata rifles, pattern  
1897, which with accompanying ammunition  
will cost £1,200,000. These Japanese rifles  
are said to be very much admired by the Chinese,  
and there seems to be every prospect of China  
buying her rifles in future solely from Japan to  
the exclusion of other countries.

The Korean Emperor is said to appear more  
concerned about his own personal safety than  
the future of his country; at one time he in-  
tended to fly to Shinsen or Pingyang in case  
of war, but he seems to have subsequently  
decided to remain at Seoul. The Korean  
officials are panic-stricken.

The *N.C. Daily News* learns from Canton  
that Messrs. Mandl & Co. have effected with  
the Viceroy of Kwangtung and Kwangsi a  
loan of one million taels, repayable in fifteen  
months, with interest at the rate of seven per  
cent. per annum. No Imperial Edict is to be  
required, but the repayment is guaranteed by  
the Viceroy, the Governor, and the Provincial  
Treasurer. Of the total sum about £1,400,000  
is to be provided in the shape of  
Krupp's military manufactures, the balance be-  
ing in cash.

The *Ostasiatische Lloyd* has a telegram  
dated Yokohama, 19th December:—"The  
Privy Council met yesterday, the Mikado  
presiding. It has been resolved to return  
the last Russian Note to the S. Peters-  
burg Government with the request to recon-  
sider it. Official circles in Tokyo do not con-  
sider this a break of the relations with Russia,  
but on the contrary, as prompted by the desire  
to continue the negotiations on another basis.  
The final settlement of the crisis is therefore  
postponed for some weeks.

A correspondent writes, with reference to a  
benefit concert, advertised by the R.E. Variety  
Club to take place in the Wellington Barracks  
theatre on the evening of last Monday, that  
owing to the "filthy and most disgraceful songs  
which were sung" by a certain vocalist belong-  
ing to the R.E.M.C. several European ladies  
present had to leave the hall. "It is to be  
regretted," he adds, "that the authorities  
concerned do not step in and put a stop to such  
carrying on. It would be advisable for the  
R.E. Variety Club to keep this man from  
appearing in future."

## ARRIVAL OF R.G.A. DETACHMENT IN HONGKONG.

Major Gordon, Captain Wakefield, four sub-  
lieutenants, and 111 rank-and-file of the 83rd  
Company of Royal Garrison Artillery yesterday  
arrived from Canada by the Canadian Pacific  
Railway s.s. *Empress of India*, and proceeded  
to Lyonnun. As they have come from the  
rather frigid support of Esquimaux, in the  
province of British Columbia, Vancouver  
Island, one can imagine that they will take  
kindly to the change. Esquimaux, by the way,  
though seldom spoken of outside service circles,  
has an extensive harbour, and a naval yard.  
It is about to be fortified at the joint expense  
of the Imperial and Canadian Governments.  
To return to the subject, however, Captain  
Wakefield is not new to Hongkong, having  
not so very long ago acted here as a  
Lieutenant in the Hongkong and Singapore  
Battalion of Royal Artillery.

## RELIEVED TROOPS TO LEAVE HONGKONG.

The 89th Company of Royal Garrison Artillery  
having been relieved by the 83rd Company,  
which arrived from Canada yesterday, will leave  
for Rangoon by a hired transport, the British  
India s.s. *Dilwara*, on Thursday afternoon at  
two o'clock. The *Dilwara* will, also, take  
home a number of details from the Sher-  
wood Foresters, Royal Engineers, Army  
Ordnance Corps, and Royal Army Medi-  
cal Corps. In all, there will be 800 men  
on board, besides quite a few wives and  
families of soldiers, and the following  
indulgent passengers:—Mrs. and Miss  
Lambkin (wife and daughter of Lieut.  
Lambkin), Mrs. H. West (wife of Capt.  
Hewitt of the Pay Department), Mrs. Harvey  
(wife of Lieut. Harvey of the Royal Army  
Medical Corps), and child, Mrs. Murray (wife  
of Captain Murray of the Sherwood Foresters),  
Mrs. Bowley (wife of Major Bowley of the R.A.M.C.),  
Mrs. Davies (wife of Lieut. Davies of the  
110th Bombay Light Infantry), Mrs. Pinchock  
(wife of Quartermaster Sergeant Pinchock of  
the Royal Engineers), Mrs. Siddons (wife of Staff  
Sergeant-Major Siddons), and Mrs. Brown (wife  
of Garrison Sergeant-Major Brown). In each  
instance the ladies will be accompanied by their  
husbands.

## TELEGRAMS. CORRESPONDENCE.

### REUTER'S SERVICE.

#### SOMALILAND.

LONDON, 17th January.  
A despatch from General Egerton states  
that 250 prisoners were taken in the recent  
battle; 680 dead bodies were counted near the  
position, and numerous others along the line of  
pursuit twelve miles on the open prairie. The  
total of the evening's killed is estimated at over  
1,200. It is reported that the Mullah was near  
Hadin during the fight with a large force,  
mounted, and supported. The first Brigade is  
now reconnoitring Hadin.

### RUSSIA'S MEDITERRANEAN SQUADRON.

LONDON, 17th January.  
The battleship *Orel* is proceeding to Suez.  
The rest of the squadron is at Port Said await-  
ing orders.

### MORE RISINGS IN GERMAN S.W. AFRICA.

LONDON, 17th January.  
The rising of natives in German Namaqua-  
land has extended to Damaraland, and numbers  
of settlers have been massacred.

### JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 17th January.  
Japanese and Russian agents are buying up  
all available coal throughout the world. The  
buying operations have hitherto been chiefly  
centred in Cardiff. Japan has ordered 300,000  
tons in England alone since Thursday and has  
also purchased 500,000 bushels of wheat in  
Winnipeg.

### THE U. S. IN THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 17th January.  
President Roosevelt has appointed Mr. David-  
son, now Consul at Tamsui, to act as a roving  
Commercial Agent with headquarters at  
Antung, and Mr. E. V. Morgan, Consul at  
Dalay.

### INDISPOSITION OF THE TSARITZA.

LONDON, 17th January.  
The Tsaritzin is suffering from pleurisy and  
the Court Ball has been postponed.

### CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]  
Canton, 18th January.

ROBBERIES ENAGED.  
Since the execution of Ao Chan, captain of the  
3,000 robbers at Shui bin, that district has been  
quiet. Three noted robbers have been captured  
in the Pun-yi territory just east of the city,  
and they are at present exposed in cages  
differing somewhat from the ordinary punish-  
ment-cages, in the Pun-yi magistrate's yamen—  
a sight for tourists, who do not, however, visit  
this prison so often as the more famous  
Nanhai prison.

### DARING ATTEMPT AT PIRACY.

I have just had a talk with a friend who has  
come through what might have been a very  
unpleasant adventure in the S.W. of this  
province. He had been staying on the coast  
halfway to Kwongchow, and was returning  
to Canton on Friday. The usual mode of  
travelling throughout the delta and on all the  
waterways in the province is by passenger-boat—  
a large junk—towed by a steam-launch, of which  
craft there is a great number lying  
to the N.W. of Honan Island. These steam-  
launches usually carry a guard of from  
15 to 20 men, armed to the teeth, and  
the passenger-boats too have a guard, and  
sometimes an ancient cannon or two. In the  
case I refer to, the boat had passed a few miles  
beyond Kongmoon, and was in a narrow part  
of the river, when, in the late watches of the night,  
it was attacked by a number of sampans, which  
glided out of the numerous small creeks  
flowing into the larger stream at this spot.  
The crews of the launch and passenger-  
boat felt strong enough to refuse to surrender  
and were attacked with a fusillade from  
modern weapons. For several hours the  
fight was kept up, and at last, finding  
they could make no impression on their  
would-be victims, the pirates withdrew. It is  
very rarely, I believe, that passenger-boats are  
strong enough to keep off pirates, so my in-  
formant had a fortunate escape. This bold  
attack so near to the port of Kongmoon shows  
well that the pirates are really more powerful  
than most foreigners imagine. The day will  
come when their destruction will become  
absolutely necessary to freedom of trade.

### NEW YEAR PREPARATIONS.

With the approach of China New Year there  
is a great activity in the fire-cracker quarter.  
Millions of crackers are used annually at this  
season, of which many are imported. It is a  
period of great danger from fires, as may be  
imagined.

The toy-shops are very busily at work also.  
At New Year every respectable house has its  
little ornaments renewed, and the children have  
their little presents. Generally there is a  
good deal going on in the city at present,  
but money is very scarce in the Imperial  
coffers, and it is rumoured that another loan  
will have to be negotiated by the Viceroy.

### FOOTBALL.

The V.R.C.F.C. will play H.M.S. *Tamar*  
(Shield Match, 1st round) at 4 p.m. to-morrow  
on the Hongkong F.C. ground. The following  
will play for the V.R.C.—W. A. Crane, goal; J.  
Witchell and R. Lapsley, backs; E. R. Horton,  
J. Forbes, and H. Gilley, half-backs; H. W.  
Sayer, H. S. Holmes, W. Dixon, A. Marti, and  
J. Clelland, forwards.

### THE FISCAL PROBLEM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."  
Hongkong, 16th January.

Sir,—I have read with great interest the  
replies which my hastily-penned contribu-  
tion on the Fiscal Question has evoked, but I cannot  
say that I am yet persuaded that Mr.  
Chamberlain's proposals, if adopted, would be  
advantageous economically or politically to the  
British Empire. The vote of the British com-  
munity having been taken on the question, this  
reply must, I suppose, be taken as ending the  
discussion. Otherwise I should be interested  
to hear from "Chamberlainite" why my pen  
should be regarded by him as "Radical." Is he  
unaware of the fact that all the men of the best  
experience in the late Conservative Cabinet are  
inflexible opponents of the late Colonial  
Secretary's enterprise? Every statesman now  
alive who has occupied the position of  
Chancellor of the Exchequer in England—and  
two of them have presided over the Board of Trade  
—the positions in which the best experience is  
gained for forming opinions on fiscal changes—  
emphatically denounce Mr. Chamberlain's  
proposals as inimical to the best interests of the  
Empire. And who is Mr. Chamberlain that  
he should be regarded as an infallible guide  
in these matters? Mr. Chamberlain has  
represented in his time every shade of political  
opinion, and may describe a complete circle  
before his career is ended. No man in the  
Empire has declaimed more vehemently than  
himself against the policy he is now seeking to  
dictate to the nation.

If I conveyed to "Chamberlainite" that I  
took our Colony as "a basis of argument on  
which to build a superstructure of an over-  
whelming fabric of false issues," I very much  
regret it. While I am not convinced that  
the condition of our Colony would benefit by  
Mr. Chamberlain's proposals, I would wish to  
deprecate any attempt to consider the general  
question entirely from the parochial point of  
view. Parenthetically, I would, however,  
by way of replying to "Chamberlainite,"  
remind him that Hongkong has not been  
made what it is entirely by the expenditure of  
British pounds; if it were possible to make a  
computation, it would be found that a great  
many of the "wicked aliens" have contributed  
handsomely to the development of Hongkong  
as a commercial centre. A study of the  
directorates of local companies affords some  
indication of that fact.

But let us return to the main question. Mr.  
Winterburn, when dealing with the question  
from the Imperial rather than parochial point  
of view, says:—

"We are treated to a lot of figures to show  
that the volume of British trade is really  
on the increase, though nothing near the  
extent of that of protected countries. Con-  
sidering that British population is also on the  
increase, and according to 'X's' figures our  
exports are mostly to British Colonies and  
dependencies, it simply means that we exploit  
new countries and naturally get a fair share of  
business from our sons who spend their  
energies and blood, and the home taxpayer,  
who finances the exploitation, gets his little  
bit along with the various other gentlemen  
from Poland and Hamburg, Trieste, and all  
the world over."

I gave no figures to show that our exports are  
mostly to British Colonies and dependencies.  
The Colonies in fact take less than half of our  
exports. I cannot, however, see the point of Mr.  
Winterburn's remarks. Even if I had said that  
our exports were mostly to British Colonies  
and dependencies it would not "simply mean that  
we exploit new countries and naturally get a  
fair share of business." Mr. Winterburn is  
evidently unaware that our export trade to  
countries like Germany, Russia and the United  
States is not yet extinguished but flourishing.  
Germany in 1902 bought from us exports  
amounting in value to £33,000,000 sterling—  
nearly four millions more than she did ten  
years ago; Russia bought from us five millions  
more than she did in 1892; the United States  
three millions more; Belgium about the same;  
France a million more. The United States is  
our largest customer (43 millions sterling);  
Germany and India are practically bracketed  
second (33 millions sterling); France third (22  
millions); Australia fourth (21 millions). We  
cannot afford to injure our trade with foreign  
countries.

"Considering that the British population is  
on the increase." Yes; and what do we find?  
Why this: that in 1854, when the population  
was estimated at 27,700,000, the general trade  
(merchandise) of the country was £9 14s. 6d.  
per head; in 1902, when we had an esti-  
mated population of 41,916,212, we had a  
trade which worked out at £20 18s. 4d. per head!  
Is that fact not sufficient to make any man pause  
before he attempts to upset a fiscal policy which  
has encouraged such results?

Great stress is laid in any local discussion  
of the question on the results to  
British shipping of foreign competition.  
Unfortunately, I cannot put my hand on any  
statistics which give an idea of the growth of  
our total tonnage, but it is enormous. Our  
shipbuilding yards, moreover, launched more  
merchant and other vessels (not warships) in the  
three years 1900-2 than in any previous years.  
And as for the profits of shipowners, though  
they may not have been princely, they have  
certainly been better than those of their chief  
rivals—the German companies. The dividend  
of the Hamburg-American line was 10 per cent.  
in 1900, 6 per cent. in 1901, and in 1902 it was  
4½ per cent. The North-German Lloyd dividend  
in 1900 was 8½ per cent., in 1901 6 per cent.,  
and in 1902 it was nil. In 1900 the Hanes Line  
paid a dividend of 14 per cent., in 1901 it was 8  
per cent., and in 1902 it was 6 per cent. Then,

last, let us take the Hamburg-South America  
Steam Shipping Company. In 1900 the divid-  
end was 10 per cent., in 1901 4 per cent., and  
in 1902 it was again nil.

I am not competent to judge as between the  
condition of the workman in Essen and his  
colleague in Leeds or Newcastle, as Mr. Winter-  
burn recommends, nor is there any necessity  
for an enquiry so circumscribed; the important  
thing to know is the condition of the people in  
Germany and England as a whole. It certainly  
cannot be said that the German official reports  
on industrial conditions in Germany lend any  
support to Mr. Winterburn's view.

Mr. Winterburn says there is no reason why  
the 250 millions of foodstuffs now imported  
into the United Kingdom from foreign  
countries should not be produced within the  
limits of the British Empire. Very likely; but  
I judge from the available statistics that  
if only our colonies will produce more the  
United Kingdom is ready to receive it.  
Canada is "the granary of the Empire," and I  
see we took three million more cwt. of wheat in  
grain from her in 1902 than we received in  
1901. The import from India and Australia has  
also been increasing in recent years, while  
that from Russia and the Argentine has been  
diminishing. From the United States the  
increase was not greater than that from Canada.  
Canada's export of foodstuffs to the United  
Kingdom will, I doubt not, continue to grow  
as the extensive areas of forest land are brought  
under cultivation. Every facility, and I may  
even say temptation, is offered to Britishers  
to go there and settle; but the growth of  
agriculture in the colonies must be slow, and it  
is very doubtful whether it would be appreciably  
hastened by a duty against foreign corn.

If it is desired to help the Colonies to give us  
what we need, it seems to me that it could be more  
satisfactorily and far more cheaply done by  
paying subsidies upon Colonial produce delivered.  
The policy of Mr. Chamberlain would commit  
us to the taxation of the whole of our 462  
millions of imports; and when we bear in mind  
that 400 millions of that sum are spent on food-  
stuffs and raw materials, we can hardly blind  
ourselves to the inevitable consequences that  
the cost of production of all the commodities  
which the United Kingdom has for consumption  
as well as for export would be enhanced and her  
trade in markets where she has long held her  
own would be seriously endangered. Mr. W. H.  
Mallock has compared the wealth of the United  
Kingdom to an Eiffel tower, which rises on four  
enormous legs; but though the tower is in one  
sense a purely British erection, one of its four  
legs only rests upon British soil. "One of them  
straddles across the Atlantic, and finds its foot-  
ing in America; another in Europe and Asia;  
and another is buoyed up by a multitude of ships  
at sea."

That consideration I will leave with my oppo-  
nents, together with this final submission:—Our  
danger is twofold. By erecting tariff walls we  
may reduce our imports from foreign countries  
long before our Colonies are able to meet our  
requirements. If we suffer no reduction in our  
imports, then obviously they can only be sold at  
an increased cost to the consumer. That means  
that the cost of labour and all the products of  
labour must naturally increase correspondingly,  
and I submit that the result must be a diminished  
export trade, a declining carrying trade, and  
increasing distress at home.

Therefore, I say that if home-keeping youths  
have "homely wits" they will be well advised  
to preserve them.—Yours truly,

## THE CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

S. Paul's College, 10th January.  
Sir,—It has already been notified by circular  
and otherwise, that the annual meeting of the  
Hongkong Church Missionary Association  
is to be held on Thursday next, Jan. 21st, at  
S. Paul's College at 5 p.m. Owing, however,  
to the fact that Bishop Ridley of Caledonia  
(British Columbia) is now staying in the  
Colony, and is kindly going to speak at the  
meeting, it is feared that, as many have  
expressed the desire to hear him, the room in  
S. Paul's College will not be large enough. It  
has therefore been decided to hold the meeting  
in the City Hall, at the same time as was  
originally proposed, and H.E. the Officer  
Administering the Government has kindly  
consented to take the chair.

As there is not time to notify this change in  
any other way, may I ask you kindly to insert  
this letter for the information of those who may  
wish to attend? All who desire to be present,  
whether members of the Association or not,  
will be most heartily welcomed.—I am etc.

J. C. VICTORIA.

### DOGS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 9th January, 1904.  
Sir,—Now that dog-licences are being issued  
it may be pertinent to make a few remarks;  
and the most natural one is, what does one pay  
a licence for? It is within common knowledge  
that many dog-owners do not pay the tax until  
late in the year, and others "forget" to take  
out a licence at all. To be sure the latter class  
have very often a good excuse, viz., that their  
dogs are not worth the cost of a licence, but  
such excuse affords a good reason for their  
pets' destruction. Apparently there is no  
attempt made to impound or destroy these  
unlicensed dogs, as is done in most other  
communities, and one may be pardoned for en-  
quiring how the tax is utilised. Surely the  
Government can afford to employ "dog  
catchers" and so rid us of these pestilent  
"wanks" and mongrels generally.

LICENSEE.







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Hongkong, 20th January, 1904. [283]

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 28th JANUARY, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th JANUARY, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [284]

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Hongkong, 20th January, 1904. [285]

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Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [281]

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Hongkong, 20th January, 1904. [2]

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THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [282]

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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ROSE GOMPERTZ,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [268]

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [242]

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CHINESE SECOND CLERK for the Resident's Office at Kudat. Must speak English.

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [243]

## WANTED.

PROPOSALS FOR FROZEN FRESH BEEF AND FROZEN FRESH MUTTON.—Headquarters Division of the Philippines, Office of the Chief Commissary, Manila, P.I., August 25th, 1903.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this Office until 11 o'clock, a.m., March 19th, 1904, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of the attending bidders, for the furnishing and delivery of six million six hundred thousand (6,000,000) pounds of frozen fresh beef and four hundred and eighty thousand (480,000) pounds of frozen fresh mutton to the Subsistence Department at Manila, P.I., during the year ending June 30, 1905. The accepted beef and mutton will be admitted free of Customs duties. The United States reserves the right to decrease the amount called for in the contract, by not to exceed 40% upon reasonable notice to the contractor; or to increase the amount called for, with the consent of the contractor. Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bidder's Guarantee in the amount of \$20,000, or by certified check for that amount on a bank of approved standing in Manila. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to give bond, the penalty of which will be fixed by the Chief Commissary. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for frozen fresh beef and frozen fresh mutton for F.Y. 1905, to be opened March 19th, 1904," and addressed to the undersigned—HENRY G. SHARPE, Colonel, A.C.G. U.S. Army, Chief Commissary. [2444]

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [205]

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E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1903. [3240]

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1. It is proposed to organize one Dance to be given at the City Hall on TUESDAY, the 9th FEBRUARY.

2. The Dance will be open to the Public, and its object is to raise money towards the cost of a projected new Pavilion.

3. The subscription will be \$15, but no dance will be organized unless at least 150 gentlemen subscribe.

4. The hours of dancing will be from 9.15 p.m. to 12.30 a.m., and light refreshments will be served during the dance.

5. Married Subscribers will be entitled to bring either their wives and the members of their families who are not members or subscribers of the H.K.C.C., or their wives and one other guest who is not a member or subscriber of the H.K.C.C.

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7. Additional guests may be invited on payment of \$5 extra for each guest.

8. Gentlemen who have already subscribed to the abandoned series of three dances will be considered to have subscribed to the Dance on 9th February, unless an intimation to the contrary is received by either of the undersigned on or before 26th January, 1904.

9. Gentlemen intending to subscribe will oblige by sending their names with the names of their guests to either of the undersigned on or before 26th January, 1904, at the Hongkong Club.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,

Chairman of Dance Sub-Committee.

T. C. GRAY,

Hon. Sec. of Dance Sub-Committee.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1904. [327]

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Hongkong, 11th August, 1903. [35]

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [103]

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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [217]

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Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. [1888]

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Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. [2160]

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [10]

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [199]

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [194]

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Hongkong, 3rd August, 1903. [2185]

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